

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A JOINT)	ORDER APPROVING
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF RECIPROCAL)	AGREEMENTS
TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)	
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CERTAIN LOCAL)	TC01-138
EXCHANGE CARRIERS AND CERTAIN CMRS)	
PROVIDERS)	

On August 22, 2001, the South Dakota Independent Telephone Coalition filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) reciprocal transport and termination agreements between certain local exchange carriers and certain CMRS providers. A list of the local exchange carriers marked as Exhibit A and a list of the CMRS providers marked as Exhibit B are attached to this order.

On August 23, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until September 11, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed October 10, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreements between the local exchange carriers and the CMRS providers. Commission Staff reviewed each of the agreements. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreements do not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreements and the agreements are consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreements. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreements.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of October, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: _____
Date: _____
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner